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Hudson's dogs to be a part of her wedding

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Expect a \$3B budget deficit, group says

POLITICS A taxpayer watchdog group is expecting to see at least a \$3 billion deficit when the province unveils its 2009 budget today and are calling for deep cuts.

Scott Hennig of the Canadian Taxpayer Federation said tough decisions need to be made now to ensure the Alberta advantage isn't dashed.

"We were calling for a seven per cent cut in spending in December and they'd probably need to cut it by more than 10 per cent to bring in a balanced budget," he said.

Calgary Mayor Dave Bronconnier said despite the looming deficit, he hopes Premier Stelmach doesn't renege on the \$3.3-billion municipal infrastructure deal for Calgary, as well as finding money for policing.

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Iggy visits high school

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Jays win on opening day

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Unredeemed gift cards

NHL Kipper shines in Flames win over Kings



ROBIN KIM/KIDS METRO CALGARY

Flames goalie Miikka Kiprusoff stopped 23 of 24 shots to backstop the home team to a 4-1 win over the visiting Los Angeles Kings last night at the Pengrowth Saddledome. Story, pg 8

Calgary Italians will rally to help their countrymen

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DISASTER Late Sunday evening Calgarian Ennio Ricci had already heard the initial media reports of the earthquake that struck the heart of L'Aquila, Italy. "But this (Monday) morning, my daughter told me to read the lat-

est news reports. This was a shock for us after what we had heard last night," said Ricci, a member of the board of directors for the Calgary Italian Club.

"It was certainly worse than what the media was first putting out."

Ricci and others in the Calgary's large Italian community are just trying to make contact with loved ones in the L'Aquila area; Ricci's wife's family and his cousins, uncles and nephews are in the region.

"We tried this morning — and we were out of luck," he said.

Finally Ricci was able to contact a cousin, who had been evicted from his home because cracks make it unsafe with looming aftershocks.

"As it is right now, my cousin says there are more than 100 dead," Ricci said.

"God knows how many are buried underneath." The Calgary Italian Club board was slated to meet last night to plan how the group could assist in aid efforts.

"We'll definitely be doing something to help," Ricci said.

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City doles \$48M in OT

Budget aims to cut that down

SHAWN LOGAN
 for Metro Calgary

Faced with increasing service demands and a tight labour market, the city's overtime budget jumped to \$48 million last year, a four per cent hike from 2007.

Documents obtained by Metro show the city dished out an additional \$2 million in overtime claims in 2008, with most of the extra cash being funnelled into transit and police.

The revelation comes just as council prepares to make adjustments to its 2009 budget, which included plans to slash \$2.8 million in overtime in an effort to reduce the tax hit on homeowners down to 5.3 per cent.

City treasurer Eric Sawyer said the numbers are higher than what he would like

to see, but reflect what was a tumultuous year with the city seeing nine per cent turnover rates and stiff competition for jobs.

"Overtime is not the preferred option, but it becomes a mechanism that fills those gaps," he said.

"In the last budget we were given increased resources and hopefully that will take the pressure off." Sawyer said he would like to see the annual overtime budget return to the \$30 million levels that were common just two years ago.

In 2008, Calgary Transit had the biggest overtime take with a \$2-million jump to \$16.7 million, while cops were paid \$600,000 to cover extra hours.

Ald. Joe Connelly said he will lead the charge to make sure city departments don't stray from their budgets.

"I think part of the challenge is as a city council and administration we have not been living within our means," he said.

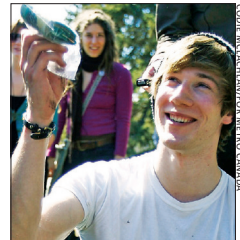
"We'll be keeping an eye on it."

Digging up legislature for \$600

SPENDING Almost a dozen people scrambled for a chance to walk away with \$600 as part of a Greenpeace promoted treasure hunt at the legislative grounds in Edmonton.

The cash prize amount represented the per person expense of the \$2 billion of taxpayer money spent on a series of Alberta provincial government projects to see if carbon capture and storage might work in getting rid of greenhouse gas pollution.

"We think that when Albertans find out they're paying \$600 dollars ... they're going to be pretty upset," said Mike Hudema, climate and energy cam-



Sam Vance-Law shows the \$600 he found under a tree at the Alberta legislature

paigner for Greenpeace. "We shouldn't be throwing \$600 of our money to pretend to clean up industries pollution because it makes no economic sense."

ANDREW COWIE/FOR METRO CANADA

Two painters were transported to hospital by Calgary EMS after a flash fire at 4915 — 35 Ave. SW dealt burns to one while the other suffered from smoke inhalation. Investigators believe the sudden flash fire occurred because of fumes produced by the product the painters were working with. **METRO CALGARY**

Local



'Imagine' yourself at Youth Singers show

The Youth Singers of Calgary's spring main-stage production called "Imagine" will have one show only at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium on Sunday, May 24. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster at 403-777-0000. For more information on the Youth Singers visit www.youthsingers.org. **METRO CALGARY**

Plan for Holy Cross scaled back: Council

SHAWN LOGAN
for Metro Calgary

CONSTRUCTION City council has scaled back the scope of redevelopment plans for the former Holy Cross hospital site after hearing from residents that massive towers would impact their sleepy neighbourhood.

Mission residents pleaded with council yesterday to scuttle area redevelopment plans that would allow low towers and high density development on the 3.28-hectare site in the heart of the trendy inner city community.

A concept plan for the site envisioned 22-storey residential towers — covering 60 per cent of the

site's footprint — office space for health care facilities, as well as a small portion for commercial use. Peter Atkinson of the Cliff Bungalow-Mission Community Association said residents have deep concerns about the impact of dropping high rise towers and increasing the density in an already well-established neighbourhood.



Ald. John Mar

"It feels like those towers would be overpowering and is out of scale with the community," he said.

Area Ald. John Mar successfully pushed for the site's developers to drop the maximum height to 20-storeys but noted the site's redevelopment is essential for Calgary.

Murder-suicide details scarce

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Investigators say a man who stabbed his common law wife to death and then leapt to his own death last weekend was known to police.

Police also confirmed they had been to the residence previously, but wouldn't confirm why.

"We were aware there were some domestic situations involved with the family and there was a restraining order in place.

She attained the restraining order through a lawyer," Acting Staff Sgt. John Guigon of the domestic conflict unit said, adding police weren't involved in the restraining order.

Police remain tight-lipped about details surrounding the confirmed murder-suicide on Saturday but said 30-year-old John Buzo stabbed his common law partner Tubi Kawaja, 35, to death. He then jumped off their sixth

floor Eau Claire apartment balcony and was found dead Saturday morning. A young child was found physically unharmed in the apartment.

Guigon said police are called to more than 12,000 domestic related issues a year.

"It's one of our most frequent calls for service we receive," he added.

Homicide Staff Sgt. Patty McCallum said police found "weapons" at the

apartment but wouldn't confirm what type or how many times the victim was stabbed, but did say she was found in the bedroom. "Certain aspects are still under investigation," she said.

McCallum said police tried to determine whether the three-year-old child had information or witnessed the tragic event, but the little boy didn't provide any details.

He is still in the care of child services but police say Kawaja's family hopes to take custody of him.



Staff Sgt. Patty McCallum



Canadian Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has a town hall style chat with the students of Western Canada High School in Calgary yesterday.

Ignatieff a hit at Western Canada High School

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POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff might have just won his party a few more votes in Calgary if the students at Western Canada High School have their say.

The personable leader of the Liberal Party of Canada was at the southwest high school yesterday and had students asking educated

questions, cheering and laughing by the time he was done.

School council executive Conrad Behrman was excited at the opportunity for his school community to pose questions and listen to the leader.

"I think it's important for our generation to get involved in political discussion and we have a lot to say," Behrman said of Ignatieff's visit.

For his part, Ignatieff

faced many "tough" questions as he joked with the students.

"I thought this was going to be an easy afternoon," he joked.

Ignatieff also had strong advice for the students in attendance.

"I'm here to say, just vote, not necessarily for me, but for your country. Do not become a member of the apathy party. It's your country," he told a packed room.

Police investigate alleged abduction

MYSTERY Police are asking for help in the case of the mysterious empty baby stroller.

An employee in the Castleridge Blvd. NE area witnessed an alleged child abduction from a stroller around 6 a.m. yesterday.

"We're not sure what happened or if nothing happened at all, but we wanted to err on the side of caution," Staff Sgt. Geoff Gawlinski said.

The stroller is a blue and brown plaid Euro Graco brand with a front tray attached. No children have been reported missing.

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News in brief

CHILDREN A new campaign launched yesterday by the Alberta Children and Youth Services will ask lodging staff to be on the lookout for children in danger. The province is asking industries that may be in closer contact with child exploitation

activities, like hotels, to watch for signs that a guest may be exploiting children. The new campaign provides education to hotel industry staff in the form of posters, videos and brochures.

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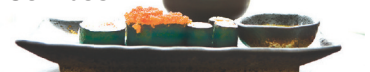
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Experts find genetic trigger for deadly skin cancer

Up to 70 per cent of melanoma skin cancers may be triggered by a gene mutation that causes cells to become cancerous after excessive exposure to the sun, researchers said yesterday. The discovery could lead to better treatments for the most deadly form of skin cancer. **REUTERS**

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Canada/World

Tories search for soul

Recent tiff leaves conservatives asking questions

Canadian Conservatives may not be in the throes of the kind of public identity crisis facing angst-ridden Republicans in the United States.

Being in power imposes a certain discipline.

But there's a whole lot of soul-searching going on here about where the Canadian conservative movement, particularly under Stephen Harper, is headed.

Complaints about past policy reversals (Senate, Afghanistan, foreign investment, income trusts), and Harper's big-spending, big-bailout, big-government budget form the

Reading

• **Blue Thunder**, a new book by Ottawa author Bob Plamondon, lays out the history of the Conservative movement through the successes and failures of its 19 leaders, and presents Harper's brand of leadership in a critical light.

backdrop.

Along with that, private grumbling in the Conservative caucus about disdainful treatment by Harper's office of former prime minister Brian Mulroney surfaced publicly this weekend.

A contentious brouhaha erupted after party officials told media outlets Mulroney was no longer a member of the Conservative party, an assertion Mulroney — under fire at a public inquiry called by Harper — denied.

Indeed, private misgivings over Harper's leadership style are echoed in a very public discussion now occurring among the broader base of conservatives. A new website called Homeless Cons has cropped up. The op-ed pages openly debate the Canadian conservative movement.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Major earthquake demolishes entire cities in central Italy

ITALY More than 150 people in central Italy were killed by the strongest earthquake to hit the country in decades early yesterday, which left up to 50,000 homeless and flattened entire medieval towns while residents slept.

As rescue workers combed through the rubble for survivors and rushed to set up tents for the homeless, officials declined to estimate the number of missing.

Most of the dead were in L'Aquila, about 100 kilometres east of Rome, and villages in the Abruzzo region. Rescuers have pulled some 100 people from the rubble but with a further 250 believed missing, civil protection officials said hopes were dimming of finding many more alive.

Officials said up to 50,000 people may have been made homeless. More than 1,500 people were injured and thousands of houses,



A couple embrace near the ruins of their house yesterday after an earthquake in the Italian village of Onna.

ancient churches and buildings collapsed or were damaged.

REUTERS

News in brief

FLOOD Winnipeg will defend itself against the Red River's highest crest without its prized floodway, an \$858-million ditch designed to channel floodwater around the provincial capital. **REUTERS**

CHARITY About 160 doctors from across Canada are digging deep into their pockets today as part of World Health Day to donate a day's pay to Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief.

SAFETY Transport Minister John Baird says the Greater Toronto Airports Authority has owned up to "serious" security shortcomings he discovered at Pearson International Airport.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Washington Cannon fodder



Canada's Foreign Minister Lawrence Cannon, second from left, jokes with reporters at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. Cannon said the Afghan government assured him it will revise its contentious proposed law that allows men to legally rape their wives

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Media covers U.S. war dead after ban lift

MILITARY The media was permitted Sunday to cover the arrival of a U.S. armed service member's coffin at the Pentagon's mortuary in Delaware for the first time in 18 years.

A flag-draped coffin bearing the remains of Air Force Staff Sgt. Phillip Myers arrived at Dover Air Force Base. Myers, 30, of Hopewell, Va., was killed in Afghanistan Saturday by

an explosive device, the Pentagon said.

The Obama administration relaxed a ban on media coverage of returning U.S. war dead in February, allowing families to choose to allow cameras.

The ban was imposed in 1991 during the first Gulf War with some exceptions. Former President George W. Bush imposed a stricter ban.

REUTERS

News in brief

CHINA Police have detained two people suspected of trying to traffic 300 people into Costa Rica. The Costa Rican embassy in Beijing became suspicious after receiving visa applications all from the same region who said they wished to be reunited with their parents.

FRANCE Surgeons have replaced parts of a burn victim's face and hands using donor tissue, in the world's first combined operation of that kind. **REUTERS**

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Hey Harper: Don't mess with Mulroney

NationalReport

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Crossing paths with a close associate of Brian Mulroney the other day, something quickly became clear. Prime Minister Stephen Harper had better be careful. The confidant said Mulroney was seething,

close to the breaking point over the treatment of him by Harper's office. He just might unload, he said, on Harper in a way that would be devastating. "You know how Brian gets."

Brian Mulroney may not be popular among average Canadians, but among the Tory faithful he has a lot of admirers. Among historians he is becoming increasingly appreciated with time. He won two majority governments, something Harper will probably never do.

Because Mulroney is once again tangled up in the con-

trovery over his taking money from arms dealer Karlheinz Schreiber, Harper has sought to distance the party from him. Worried as usual about nothing else except the political effect of things, Harper's office leaked out word to the media Mulroney was no longer even a card-carrying Conservative.

Even if that were true — and Mulroney denies he threw out his membership card — it's not something the Prime Minister's Office should be doing.

The Mulroney associate

said he could understand the Harper team wanting to keep some distance in the formal sense. But even privately they were being "sons of ... (rhymes with riches)." This is the well-known modus operandi of this government. If you're of no use politically, you're sent off to Alcatraz.

What's unusual this time is that the row has spilled over, with Conservatives on each side of the Mulroney question going after one another in a caucus meeting and going to the media to air their discontent.

This is a party which, thanks largely to Stephen Harper, has been remarkably unified and disciplined over the last three years. Now there are cracks — and for no good reason. The Mulroney controversy was aired out last year before a parliamentary committee. Canadians did not appear to let the matter affect their judgment of the Harper government.

But by overreacting, the prime minister's men have brought it into the spotlight. They have awoken long-simmering divisions between those on the old Reform side

of the party who never liked Mulroney and those on the old Progressive Conservative side who remain his allies.

Brian Mulroney remains an influential man. That's why Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff telephoned him (how quaint) recently to wish him happy birthday on his 70th. Had Prime Minister Harper done a little schmoozing like that, there would be none of these problems.

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Views

Gun control victim in Tories' legislation



Wendy Cukier

After a high-profile shooting, politicians flock to cameras to express outrage and sympathy for the victims. But as elections loom they focus on the complex calculus around votes. Many Canadians are aware of the influence of the powerful National Rifle Association in the U.S., but are astonished to learn how the gun lobby drives the agenda in Canada. Speaking recently to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, Prime Minister Stephen Harper advocated dismantling essential parts

of gun control in Canada and then introduced legislation to the Senate. The proposed law will eliminate the registration of rifles and shotguns, including the powerful semi-automatic rifle like the one used by Marc Lépine at L'Ecole Polytechnique in 1989.

The gun lobby cries, "Punish criminals, not law-abiding gun owners." But where do criminals get their guns? While smuggled handguns fuel crime, so do Canadian guns diverted through theft and illegal sales. And legal gun owners sometimes go off the rails. The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police say any gun in the wrong hands is dangerous. All firearm owners need to

be licensed and all firearms need to be registered.

How exactly does filling in forms constitute "punishment." We need licences to drive. In most cities we need permits to own dogs and even cats. It's not called "punishment." It's called being responsible and accountable.

Certainly, too much money was spent licensing two million gun owners and registering seven million firearms — \$100 million per year over 10 years according to the auditor general. But the money is gone. It can't be reinvested. The RCMP says ending the registration of long guns will save about \$3 million per year.

Controlling firearms is not

a panacea, but it does reduce the risk of gun violence. What sense does it make to dismantle a system that is working? Suicides, particularly among youth and murders of women with guns, have plummeted. Homicides with rifles and shotguns have declined precipitously — 32 people were murdered with long guns in 2007 compared to 107 in 1991.

Priscilla deVilliers, whose daughter Nina was abducted and murdered, reminds us: "Six separate inquests recommended licensing and registration of guns, including the inquest into my daughter's death."

Wendy Cukier is president of the Coalition for Gun Control.



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Surging syrup prices a boon to producers

This season's \$60 US-per-gallon price tag on maple syrup is turning out to be a windfall for thousands of small, mostly family-run businesses in the United States and Canada. **REUTERS**

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Business

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Yahoo Music restyled

Web giant to collect referral fees from partners

Yahoo Inc. is partnering with other online music providers as the Internet giant tries a fresh approach to getting an edge in the evolving digital music business.

The new version of Yahoo Music, unveiled yesterday, aggregates paid and free music services available on the Internet, allowing Yahoo users to access and interact with the services directly from the Yahoo site.

Yahoo has struck commercial relationships with digital music retailers like Apple Inc.'s iTunes and Amazon.com Inc., collecting a fee for every referral, the company said.

The move comes a little

Visitors

• Yahoo Music was the No. 2 online music site in December with 19.6 million unique visitors, behind only Time Warner Inc.'s AOL Music, according to ComScore.

over a year after Yahoo announced it was shuttering its own paid-music service, and is in keeping with the company's latest efforts to make Yahoo a more open service by integrating products and services developed by other companies.

"We really want to focus on providing the service

that's most valuable to users, and then partner with third parties to provide the entire set of music services," said Yahoo Music general manager Michael Spiegelman, who described the new Yahoo Music as a major strategic shift for the company.

Visitors to the Yahoo Music site will be able to select from a variety of modules representing the web's disparate music sites, including free, radio-like streaming audio services such as Pandora and last.fm, music videos from Google Inc.'s YouTube, and paid music downloads from iTunes and Amazon.com.

REUTERS

Building permits, purchasers index fall

FIGURES The value of Canadian building permits issued in February fell by a greater-than-expected 15.9 per cent, while purchasing activity in the economy resumed contraction in March, statistics released yesterday showed.

The fall in building permits, reported by Statistics Canada, was caused mainly by a large drop in commercial and institutional building projects, while residential permits stabilized with a 0.3 per cent drop.

In a separate release by the Purchasing Management Association of Canada and the Richard Ivey School of Business, the Ivey Purchasing Managers Index fell to 43.2 in March from 45.2 in February.

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In brief

ENVIRONMENT It will be hard work getting rich nations to agree to cuts in greenhouse gases that are deep enough to satisfy the demands of developing countries at climate talks, UN's climate chief said yesterday.

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Portion of tuition can be childcare

MoneyMatters

Henry Choo Chong

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Q My wife and I chose to send my son (who is seven years old) to private school. This year, we were told by the school that our child does not qualify to deduct the full tuition. We have always done so in the past. Is this correct? How much can we deduct?

— Frank and Maria

A Childcare expenses can be deducted for children up to 16 years of age. Generally, the parent with the lesser income must claim the deduction (there are other circumstances when the

higher income may claim).

A Parent may deduct as following — the lesser of:

- The actual amount paid
- Two-thirds of the parent income
- \$7,000 for children under seven years old/\$4,000 for children between seven and 16 years old.

Generally, private school tuition is not considered childcare, however an amount maybe apportioned to childcare. Your educational institution will determine what portion is childcare. Parents of children in religious or affiliated institutions may qualify to deduct the non-childcare portion as charitable donations. Check with your tax adviser.

Q Last year was my first year as a real estate agent. Can I deduct home cost from my commissions?

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If you are on the receiving end of a card for a store you would never dream of stepping foot into, you can always try to sell it online. There are sites, such as plasticjungle.com where you can sell or trade your gift cards.

A few more things to keep in mind: Make sure the gift card you purchase does not have an expiry date. If your card expires before you've had a chance

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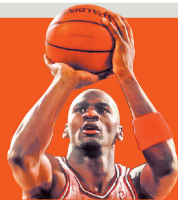




Raiders sign Garcia: Report
Veteran quarterback Jeff Garcia will join the Oakland Raiders, who signed the 39-year-old signal-caller to a one-year deal, according to the Contra Costa Times. Garcia spent his first five years in San Francisco after leaving the CFL. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Jordan headed to Hall of Fame

Former NBA superstars Michael Jordan, David Robinson and John Stockton headline the 2009 class for the Basketball Hall of Fame. Joining the three members of the NBA's 50th Anniversary Team in this year's class are coaches Jerry Sloan and C. Vivian Stringer. Enshrinement festivities in Springfield, Mass., are scheduled for Sept. 10 to 12. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

NCAA Title for Tar Heels



Michigan State Spartan Kalin Lucas goes up for a basket against University of North Carolina Tar Heel Deon Thompson during the NCAA men's championship basketball game last night. North Carolina won 89-72 for its fifth title.

Flames beat Kings

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THE SKINNY: Jarome Iginla had a goal and an assist as the Flames beat the Los Angeles Kings for the fourth straight time this season.

THE SITUATION: Calgary can now clinch the Northwest Division title with a win in regulation against the Canucks in Vancouver tonight (8 p.m., Rogers Sportsnet, Fan 960). It won't be an easy task as the Flames haven't fared well in the second end of back-to-back games.

THE QUOTE: "The bottom line is on those back-to-backs we can't take penalties early, we have to be smart," said Craig Conroy



Calgary's Warren Peters and Los Angeles King Wayne Simmonds exchange blows during a fight in the first period last night in Calgary. The Flames won 4-1.

of Calgary's 2-9-1 in the second game of back-to-back affairs this season. "It's a little bit in our psyche right now.

THE ONE-TIMER: Iginla made no mistake when he blasted a pass from Michael

Cammalleri past L.A. goalie Erik Ersberg for the game-winning goal in the second period. Iginla has three goals in the past four games to give him 34, just two behind Cammalleri's team-leading 36 tallies.

THE GIFT GOAL: Jim Vandermeer counted his first of the season when L.A. defenceman Jack Johnson inadvertently swatted his cross-ice pass out of the air and past Ersberg.

THE FIRSTS: Rookie Calgary defenceman Matt Pelech assisted on a third-period goal by David Moss for his first NHL point and then got in his first fight as well with L.A. forward Brian Boyle.

THE RARE START: Ersberg got the call in net for the Kings as Jonathan Quick earned a well-deserved rest. Quick

had started the previous 10 games for the Kings and 29 of the last 33.

THE BOO BIRDS: Despite the win, the Flames heard some boos from the crowd of 19,289 restless fans at the Saddledome when they failed to generate any quality scoring chances during a pair of five-on-three opportunities. The Flames have now gone without a goal in their past 31 power-play chances.

Globetrotter legend still holding court for fans

BASKETBALL Curly Neal is a little cranky and quite tired as he gets ready to tuck into a plate of bacon, eggs and waffles in a Toronto restaurant late one recent morning. It's been, almost seven hours since he woke up in Montreal and about 11 hours before he'll call it a night in London.

Even for the irrepressible and iconic Harlem Globetrotter, that's a heavy day of travel, media obligations and being "on," but when you're Curly Neal discontent isn't put on public display, no matter the circumstances.



So when the four guys of a certain age at a table across the way recognize the bald head and the smile, it's time for the 67-year-old Neal to go to work.

"Saw you in Worcester when I was a kid," one of the gawkers says as he approaches the table. "Oh yeah," says Neal, rising to shake hands. "Worcester. Great city. Glad to see you. Come on out and see us when we're here."

The gentlemen move on, filled undoubtedly with memories of Neal, Mead-

owlark Lemon, buckets of confetti, Red Klotz and basketball as pure entertainment. "Guys like them recognize everywhere," says current Globetrotter Moo Moo Evans. "And the first thing they say is, 'When you guys playing, I've got to bring my son, I've got to bring my daughter.' Everyone remembers him."

And as if a switch has been turned on, Neal's off, telling stories and selling the current version of the legendary Globetrotters, as enduring a sports entity as exists in the world today.

"We need more laughs in this world," says Neal, whose Globetrotters make a swing through Oshawa, Mississauga and Kitchener this week. "Everybody's all stressed out. Have some fun, have a sense of humour."

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Wilson picked to coach U.S. team

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Toronto Blue Jays starting pitcher Roy Halladay throws against the Detroit Tigers during the first inning of the Jays' home opener in Toronto yesterday. The Blue Jays won 12-5.

Jays win opener

MLB RESULT

Blue Jays 12, Tigers 5

Adam Lind went 4-for-5 with a home run and finished with six RBI and two runs scored, as the Toronto Blue Jays routed the Detroit Tigers, 12-5, in the season-opener for both clubs last night in Toronto.

Travis Snider had a solo homer while Lyle Overbay drove in a pair of runs for the Blue Jays, who finished the 2008 campaign with an 86-76 overall mark, which was good enough for fourth place in the powerful AL East. Aaron Hill, Vernon Wells and Scott Rolen each drove in a run in the win.

Roy Halladay (1-0) got the win, going seven innings and giving up five runs on six hits with two strikeouts and a walk. Halladay, who was making his seventh straight Opening Day start, was 20-11 with a 2.78 ERA

in an AL-high 246 innings pitched a year ago.

Curtis Granderson had a solo homer and Brandon Inge offered a two-run blast for the Tigers, who lost their first seven games last year and were out of the playoff race by August, as the club became the most expensive last-place team in baseball history. Gerald Laird and Carlos Guillen drove in a run each in the setback.

Justin Verlander (0-1) was addled with the loss after giving up eight runs on eight hits in 3½ innings of work. After posting 35 wins between 2006-07, Verlander had a miserable 2008 campaign, going 11-17 while pitching to a dreadful 4.84 earned run average.

Elsewhere in Major League Baseball action yesterday:

It was Baltimore Orioles 10, New York Yankees 5; Texas Rangers 9, Cleveland Indians 1; Arizona Diamondbacks 9, Colorado Rockies 8; Chicago Cubs 4, Houston Astros 2; Florida Marlins 12, Washington Nationals 6; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, San Diego Padres 1; New York Mets 2, Cincinnati Reds 1; and Pittsburgh Pirates 6, St. Louis Cardinals 4.

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Weir eager to take on shortened Augusta

GOLF Former winner Mike Weir has relished playing at Augusta National since his very first U.S. Masters but he is especially looking forward to this week's edition on a layout shortened by 10 yards.

The left-hander from Sarnia, Ont., is no fan of some of the recent changes made at Augusta, which has controversially been stretched by almost 500 yards since Tiger Woods clinched his maiden victory there in 1997.

South African Trevor Immelman won last year's title with an eight-under total of 280, triumphing by three shots over Woods after shooting a final-round 75 in tricky, swirling winds.

Throughout that week, the birdie roars that have traditionally lit up Augusta National's back nine were strangely silent on a layout lengthened to 7,445 yards.

"The tournament had become a little bit like the U.S. Open, it had become such a grind," Weir told Reuters in an interview.

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Mike Weir

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"Trevor shot two over par on the back nine last year and won the tournament. That never used to happen because someone would shoot 30 or 31 and make a big charge."

"I heard a stat that none of the leaders has shot better than two under in the last 10 years on the back nine," said Weir, who became the first Canadian to win a major with his playoff victory over American Len Mattiace at the 2003 Masters.

"So something special was taken away from the Masters. If you take a lead into the back nine and shoot even par or one under, you're probably going to win the tournament because it's so hard to make birdies out there now."

Organizers will also have the flexibility to shorten the course further in the event of poor weather this week, a move applauded by Weir.

"To try to bring back the roar of excitement on the back nine is the right thing to do," he said. "It's tough enough for the players and it brings a lot more excitement for the fans as well."

Weir's maiden major title at Augusta National six years ago was largely set up by the quality of his wedge play and putting.

At a venue renowned for its heavily contoured and slick greens, this is the one department of his game that he prays will be in top form for this year's tournament.

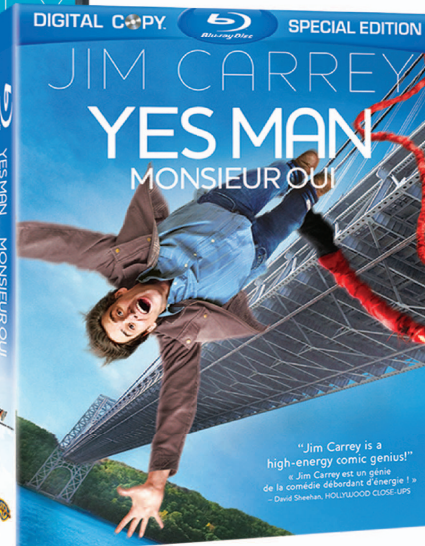
"If one particular part of your game is off, you don't want it to be your wedge game and your putting," the 38-year-old said. "You want that to be your strength."

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The San Antonio Spurs suffered a crushing blow yesterday, learning that they will be without guard Manu Ginobili for the remainder of the regular season as well as the playoffs because of a leg injury. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Orioles rough up new Yankees ace

Adam Jones went 3-for-3 with three runs scored, two RBI and a pair of walks as the Baltimore Orioles got to new-acquisition CC Sabathia early yesterday and beat the New York Yankees 10-5 in the season-opener for both clubs.

Aubrey Huff had a double and drove in three runs for Baltimore, which endured its 11th straight losing season in 2008, going 68-93. The Orioles had been 60-62 in mid-August, but completely fell apart down the stretch, finishing a miserable 8-31. The

horrific finish planted the O's in the cellar of the talent-laden American League East for the first time since 1991.

Cesar Izturis had a two-run homer and Nick Markakis also drove in a pair of runs in the win. Jeremy Guthrie (1-0)

pitched six innings and gave up three runs on seven hits with three strikeouts and as many walks to earn the victory.

Hideki Matsui had a two-run homer and Jorge Posada added a solo shot for the Yankees. Johnny Damon went 2-for-3 with

a triple, a run scored and an RBI in defeat.

Sabathia (0-1), the Yankees' \$161-million US off-season addition, was roughed up for six runs on eight hits with five walks over 4% lackluster frames.

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Rangers dominate Indians

BASEBALL Hank Blalock went 2-for-4 with a three-run homer and Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a solo shot and knocked in three as the Texas Rangers pounded the Cleveland Indians 9-1 in the season opener for both teams.

Ian Kinsler turned in a 3-for-5 effort with a pair of doubles, two RBI and a run scored, while Michael Young added two hits and an RBI for the Rangers, who led the majors last season with 901 runs scored. Nelson Cruz and Josh Hamilton each chipped in with two hits apiece in the win.

"All game we executed everything well," Blalock said. "Scoring a lot of runs and playing good defence and shutting them down with the pitching is all you can ask for. We played an excellent game today."

Kevin Millwood (1-0) earned the win for Texas, which ended last season with a 79-83 mark, 21 games behind the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim. The veteran righty tossed seven brilliant innings, allowing only one run — on a wild pitch — on five hits while fanning five and walking one.

The former Indian, making his fourth straight Opening Day start, pitched to a 9-10 record with a 5.07 ERA in 29 starts a season ago.

Cliff Lee (0-1), the reigning American League Cy Young Award winner, was tagged for seven runs on 10 hits while fanning five and walking a batter over five innings in suffering the loss.

The southpaw, who was making his first career Opening Day start, had an MLB-best 22-3 record with an AL-leading 2.54 earned run average in 31 starts last year. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Soaps push the envelope

The J Spot

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Guiding Light, not just the longest running soap opera, but the longest running scripted broadcast series ever (it started on radio in 1930 and moved to television in 1952 where it has broadcast five days a week ever since) will no longer shine as of September.

Mine was a General Hospital household. I was 17 when Luke and Laura wed, apparently one of 30 million people who tuned into the highest rated hour in American soap opera history. Okay, given Laura fell in love with Luke after he drunkenly raped her made for a less-than-conventional romantic love story, but that's what soap operas have always done best — taken reality, and given it a hyper unrealistic spin.

That's why they were such a hit with clothes iron-wielding housewives, whose greatest daily drama was whether to serve meat-loaf or tuna casserole for dinner.

But while soap operas have long been stereotypically dismissed as a frivolous indulgence that housebound women waste their time watching while ignoring their domestic duties, one could argue that soap operas have often been on the cutting edge of mainstream TV, at least when it comes to sexuality.

Soap operas were dealing with storylines that involved abortion, unwanted pregnancy, domestic violence and infidelity back in the late '60s and early '70s, long before primetime TV touched the stuff. As the World Turns introduced a gay character in 1989, All My Children introduced an AIDS-related storyline in 1988 and One Life to Live included AIDS and homophobia in its storylines. All My Children created a media stir with its first on screen lesbian kiss back in 2003 and introduced a transgendered character shortly thereafter.



A scene from the longest running soap opera Guiding Light. Soaps are progressive in terms of sexuality, says our columnists.

Sure, often the most controversial plotlines are brief and usually done to temporarily boost lagging ratings but, given the popularity of soap operas (at their height in the 1980s, two-thirds of all women living

in homes with televisions "followed" one or more soap operas), there is no denying their influence.

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Entertainment



Electra Dance

Carmen Electra will strut her stuff on *Dancing With the Stars*. She is scheduled to perform with her group, *Cherry Boom Boom*, live on the April 14 episode.

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This rap is Classified

East Coast artist sticks to regular guy vibe on 13th album

ROB MCMAHON
For Metro Canada



Classified's a rapper you can take home to mom.

That is, unless he's at his own mom's for dinner. She lives around the block from him in tiny Enfield, N.S., — as does his dad and siblings, a handy situation when searching out session musicians.

"My parents just moved down the road five minutes away, and I'm still on same street as my sister and brother-in-law," said Classified (real name Luke Boyd). "(My dad) can play guitar and bass, and on the new album he sings a couple hooks. Both of my

"I wanted to do a song and say look — Other people see a famous rapper, but I'm just a normal dude."

Classified

brothers are on the record. It's good when the whole family plays instruments — I can call them up and they'll work for cheap!"

In a genre gutted by bling, brittle beats and stories of crime and cocaine, Classified sticks to humour and a "regular guy" vibe. Now signed to a major label, he insists nothing's changed: He's still living near his parents, smoking ganja, riding his bike and making beats in his home studio. These details come out in *Self Explanatory*,

which is sequenced like a *Choose Your Own Adventure* book. For example, during *Up All Night*, Classified points out the irony of being born with a speech impediment and ending up a rapper.

"I wanted to do a song and say look — other people see a famous rapper, but I'm just a normal dude, I live in a subdivision," he said. "My mom will tell me stories about when I was a kid ... and I just thought it was interesting. I had no idea I didn't speak until I

On Tour

• Classified plays *The Whiskey* in Calgary April 30.



Self Explanatory is the new album from rapper Classified.

was three."

On his lucky No. 13 album, Classified both raps and produces. The self-taught beatmaker, like other Canadian rappers (touring partner Shad springs to mind), is a huge '90s hip-hop fan — West Coast for the melodies, East Coast for the grimy drums and soul samples. His beats recall teenage heroes: Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Nas and most notably, Gangstarr's DJ Premier.

"I think from 15 to 25 is definitely when you take

in the music you like for the rest of life. It was the time when I would just indulge myself, when everything was about music and I always had headphones on," he said.

"(I love that) whole Pri-

mo (DJ Premier) cut-up hook — especially on the *Moment of Truth* album. How Primo used vocals and other MC's words as hooks ... I love cutting in an a capella verse and have it flipped into the hook."

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Leighton yes, Locklear no

Heather Locklear may have passed on the chance to be a part of the CW's *Melrose Place* reboot, but Laura Leighton (right) — who played sassy schemer Sydney Andrews on the original Fox prime-time sudser — has said yes. **TVGUIDE.COM**



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Celebrated actor/director Kenneth Branagh is admired around the world for his bold silver screen presentations of literary classics.

From lavish mountings of Shakespeare — the Oscar-nominated *Henry V* and the epic *Hamlet* among them — to his hyperkinetic and unapologetically Gothic version of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein* to his update of Anthony Shaffer's thriller *Sleuth*, Branagh

"As was true of my Shakespeare films, nobody can ever point to me and say that's the way to do it."

Kenneth Branagh, actor/director on his interpretation of Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*

has fashioned a reputation as the most notable and tireless purveyor of popular highbrow filmmaking since Orson Welles.

His latest effort, a re-staging of Mozart's signature opera *The Magic Flute* (opening in Calgary on April 17) is another attempt to bring culture to the mainstream, but with a twist.

Branagh's *The Magic Flute* transposes the opera's mythical setting to the bloody battlefields of WWI and, with the help of British humorist Stephen Fry's new libretto, alters the language from German to English.

But although the film — which was completed in 2006 and played that same year at both Cannes

and the Toronto International Film Festival — is nothing short of breathtaking and cinematic, theatrical distribution has been spotty and the film has disappeared into

veloped a loyal audience around the world."

The film is indeed a full throttle opera, perhaps the most widely loved in the beloved composer's cannon, and is full to the bursting point with digitally tweaked visual and aural bravado.

But its wartime setting (the Queen of the Night makes her entrance riding a marauding tank and her three servants appear as bosomy trench nurses) is admittedly strange. And while some purists may have trouble embracing this unique revamp, the

director stands by his vision. "As was true of my Shakespeare films, nobody can ever point to me and say that's the way to do it," Branagh says.

the DVD abyss in Europe.

"It's been a tough sell," Branagh says.

"People are finding it hard to categorize. But it hasn't totally fallen through the cracks by any means and it has slowly de-



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NEW SHOW!



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Show the rest of Canada your dancing moves

KRISTEN THOMPSON
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AUDITIONS Got moves? Well, warm up your jazz hands and grab your dancing shoes because *So You Think You Can Dance* Canada is coming to Alberta. Auditions for the second season start today at the Winspear Centre in Edmonton before heading east across the country.

Jean Marc Genereux, who is back as a judge, said contestants and dance styles vary across the country. Vancouver seems to have a lot of trained dancers, while Calgary produced a lot of ballroom dancers.

"It's kind of interesting to see some cities have more of one style and less of another," he said.

"We are a country with so much talent. And people don't go to the ballet anymore, so we've brought dancing back to peoples' homes."

Leah Miller, who is also returning as the show's host, said she was blown away by how talented and humble last year's competi-

Audition tips

Jean Marc Genereux:

- Prepare to dance to more than one piece of music in case there are technical problems with the stereo system.
 - Wear something comfortable and something that represents who you are, not something you want to be.
 - Make sure you make good use of the lights and the stage.
- Former *SYTYCD* Canada finalist Arassay Reyes:
- You have to prove that you're passionate, that this is something you want to do and that you take it seriously, because the judges will know otherwise.

tors were.

"The dancers don't get days off. They dance sometimes 14 hours a day," she said. "They're dedicated."

Registration for the audition begins at 8 a.m. at the Winspear Centre, 4 Sir Winston Churchill Square, Edmonton.

Contestants must be between 19 and 30 years old. Visit ctv.ca/minidance2008/ for more information.

Easter Bunny battle begins

FILM Easter is becoming the new battleground for studios as two competing projects featuring the Easter Bunny go head to head. Sony Animation is preemptively picking up *Hip Hop*, in which the Easter Bunny decides to retire and hides out as a pet with a suburban family, turning their lives upside down. The deal happened at the same time that Illumination Entertainment purchased *I Hop* to act as its first live-action picture.

REUTERS

In brief

FILM Christina Ricci is Born to Be a Star. The actress has signed on for the porn-tinged comedy that Adam Sandler co-wrote. Ricci plays the lead character's innocent girlfriend.

REUTERS

Kenya's Style



Read the blog at metronews.ca/kenyasstyle

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critics' corner

Miss Naked Beauty

This show isn't all about nudity. In this case, "naked" refers to the absence of cosmetics. Gok Wan, host of the other "Naked" show, and Myleene Klass, host of "10 Years Younger" in Britain, help several women learn to look beautiful without powders, polishes and peroxide. The winner gets a modeling gig and her own magazine column. 11 PM on W



Without a Trace

The team finds plenty of suspects when a high-end Russian matchmaker disappears in the new episode "Heartbeats." Anthony LaPaglia, Poppy Montgomery, Marianne Jean-Baptiste, Enrique Murciano and Eric Close star. 8 PM on ACCESS; 11:01 PM on KREM

Ron James: The Road Between My Ears

Comedian Ron James has crossed the country taking some personal pokes at people, places and things from his native Nova Scotia to British Columbia. In this stand-up special, he milks a whole herd of Canadian sacred cows for laughs, including "Anne of Green Gables," Tim Hortons and whale watching. 9 PM on CBRT



Miley Cyrus tells Teen Vogue she's just not that into Robert Pattinson and she doesn't think her fans are either. The Disney star is getting more negative in her old age, also making some not-so-nice comments about Las Vegas. [EONLINE.COM](#)

Miley's a Negative Nelly

Celebrity Buzz

Paris declares intent to wed

RELATIONSHIP Paris Hilton says she's so in love with boyfriend Doug Reinhardt that the couple is ready to tie the knot after just a few months of dating. "He's going to be my husband," Hilton tells E! News. "We're best friends. It's not like we just met. We've known each other over the past year."



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'Get me my Mercy': Madonna

PEOPLE Madonna returned to Britain "devastated and shaking" after her bid to adopt a second child from Malawi was denied, sources tell the Daily Mail.

The singer is appealing the court's decision, and faces further trouble as a man claiming to be Mercy James' biological father has stepped forward.

Madonna has reportedly told her lawyer, "Do whatever you can to get me my Mercy."



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Faris folks on defence

PEOPLE Anna Faris' parents are her biggest fans and spend their spare time writing information about the actress online, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

Faris' mother and father wrote her biography on movie site IMDb.com and also frequently fire off emails to journalists and critics who write unfavourable articles about the actress.



She tells the New York Daily News, "It's mortifying. I love them so much. They're very proud and supportive, but they do

stuff like that all the time. My dad has written to various publications defending me."

And Faris reveals there are downsides to having such techno-savvy parents: "Dad Googles me all the time, which sometimes gets me into trouble. If I've had a drink too many and someone catches it, he'll know."

Faris co-stars as Seth Rogen's cosmetic counter girlfriend in the new comedy *Observe and Report*.

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Jennifer's wedding paw-ty

PEOPLE Jennifer Hudson's pet dogs will have starring roles at her wedding, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The singer-and-actress will wed her partner, David Otunga, soon — although she will not reveal an exact date — and wants her three Pomeranian dogs — Dreamgirl, Oscar, and Grammy — to play a big part.

She said: "I want my dogs to be in my wedding. I am so serious." Hudson also hinted her dress could be

"the most untraditional thing" about the day, adding: "Everybody comes down the aisle in a white gown. Maybe I'll give it a twist."

The Oscar-winning actress has lots of experience of marriage ceremonies because of her previous job as a wedding singer.



She added: "Anything I could sing at, I did. I've sung at a lot of weddings and seen a lot of the same things, and I want to make sure this is different — but traditional, and very, very classy."

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Shooting mars second wedding

PEOPLE Gisele Bündchen married Tom Brady for a second time this weekend but the ceremony was marred by an alleged shooting at a photographer's car, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The supermodel and her husband held a second wedding ceremony in Costa Rica on Saturday.

Photographer Yuri Cortez was taking pictures of the wedding from afar using a long lens camera. He has filed a complaint with Costa Rican authorities claiming

that the couple's bodyguards accosted him and demanded he give them his camera's memory card.

He says he refused and drove away — then the security began to shoot the car and the bullets went smashed his windows.

He said: "I put my foot on the accelerator and I heard the gunshot that shattered the rear window and broke the windshield. It very nearly hit me."

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Farrah's cancer fight

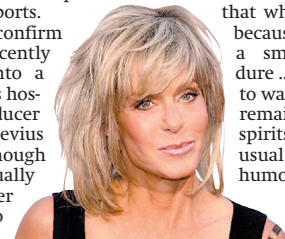
PEOPLE Farrah Fawcett's physician and a producer who works with her have released statements about her condition, following the news that the actress, 62, has been hospitalized in Los Angeles. Her current treatment is the latest setback in her long battle with cancer, first diagnosed in 2006, people.com reports.

"I can confirm that she recently checked into a Los Angeles hospital," producer Craig Nevius says. "Although it is usually against her nature to

correct false or exaggerated stories ... Farrah is allowing this statement out of appreciation for her fans, who have offered their constant support throughout her fight ..."

Though Fawcett was photographed in a wheelchair, her physician, Lawrence Piro, said: "The reason she was in that wheelchair is because she had a small procedure ... She's able to walk. And she remains in good spirits with her usual sense of humour."

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Aniston back on the dating market?

PEOPLE Jennifer Aniston was spotted "checking out" a handsome stranger on the weekend, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The actress, who parted ways with John Mayer last month, showed she was over the musician when a mystery hunk caught her

attention at Paul McCartney's charity concert in New York.

A source said: "Jennifer checked out a cute guy walking in. She looked him



up and down twice. She flashed him a beaming smile but got pulled back into a conversation with her girlfriends."

The source added: "The girls talked for a bit about how

elated Jennifer was to have free time again. Jennifer laughed out loud at that, as though it were an inside joke."

"She was having so much fun. John and their issues seemed like the last thing on her mind."

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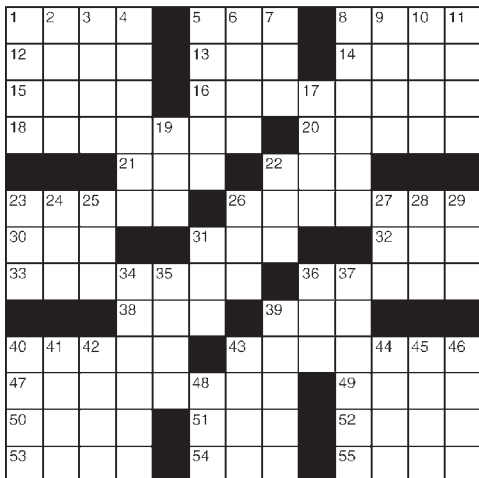
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Andrew Schultz, Weather Specialist – Breakfast Television

"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta."

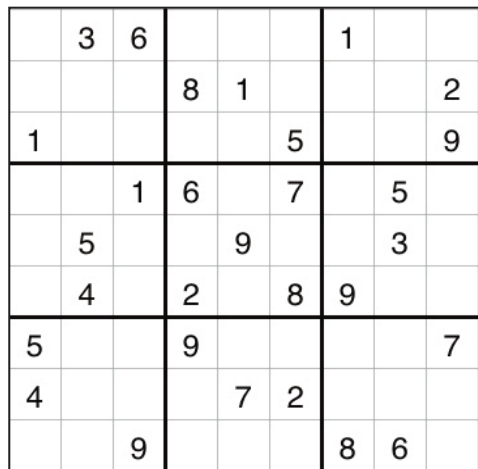
WEEKDAYS AT 6 A.M.



Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



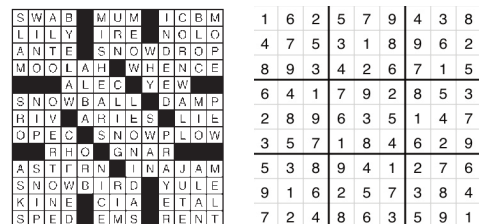
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| 13 Bullring cry | 30 Noah's craft | 40 Corned beef recipe |
| 14 Ringlet | 31 Monkey suit | 41 — podrida |
| 15 Apportion (out) | 32 Back talk | 42 Just one of those things? |
| 16 CB kin | 33 "The Firm" author | 43 Concoct, in a way |
| 18 Nassau's island group | 36 Ballroom dance | 44 Coloured |
| 20 Mountain nymph | 38 Whammy | 45 N. Mex. neighbour |
| 21 "The Da Vinci Code" author | 39 Has the ability | 46 Lion's pride? |
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Crossword down

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| 3 Geometry or algebra | 24 Mess up | 37 Turkey's capital |
| 4 Rye and pumpnickel | 25 Schuss | 39 Stop |
| 5 "Yankee Doodle Dandy" man | 26 Drone | 40 Corned beef recipe |
| 6 "Sad to say ..." | 27 Einstein's birthplace | 41 — podrida |
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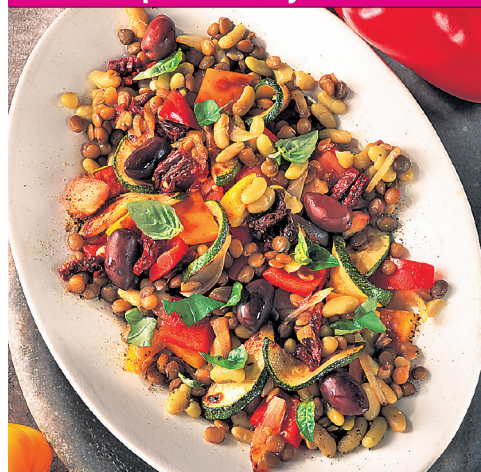
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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
 Under 13 minGenius
 13-17 minScholar
 17-21 minSmart
 21-25 minNot bad
 25+ minKeep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Warm Flageolet and Charred Vegetable Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 red pepper
- 1 yellow pepper
- 1 medium onion
- 2 medium zuchinis
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) olive oil
- 1 can (15oz / 425g) flageolet beans
- 1 can (15oz / 425g) lentils
- 2 large sprigs of basil
- 2 medium tomatoes
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) crushed sun-dried tomatoes in oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) balsamic vinegar
- Salt and black pepper
- 12 large black olives as garnish

METHOD:

1. Rinse, deseed and roughly chop peppers. Peel and slice onion. Trim, rinse, dry and thinly slice zuchinis.
2. Heat oil in large frying pan and brown peppers,

- onion and zuchinis over high heat, stirring occasionally.
3. Meanwhile, drain and rinse canned beans and lentils. Rinse, dry and tear basil leaves, and rinse, dry and roughly chop fresh tomatoes.
4. Add beans and lentils to pan, stir gently, then add basil, fresh tomatoes, sun-dried tomatoes and vinegar.
5. Season mixture, then let heat through, stirring well. Stone olives if necessary.
6. Turn salad into warm dish, garnish with olives and serve immediately.

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
 Buy yourself a sweet smelling treat. Collect your allies and take action. Say nice things about a silly girl.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
 Get in touch with a realistic person. Find a new place to scavenge stuff. A dinner companion has trouble in transit.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
 People are overlooking a good chance. An intolerant person fails unconditionally. Someone's teasing creates conflicts.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
 Avoid recklessness and devise a budget. Try to keep both feet on the ground. Interactions will focus on domestic life.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
 A friend calls around after a weird event. Count your blessings when an assessor makes a mistake. Put the finishing touch on a pep talk.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
 Don't despair about what happened in the past. A shameless troll will inspire you. Admiration will interest a drama queen.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
 Tacky gossip makes conversation difficult. A lonely person wants some attention. A man's egotism will increase rapidly.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
 An equity problem flares up. An antique is found in a friend's home. Someone's compliment leads to tantrums.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
 A strong desire opens up possibilities. The prospect of cash assistance is revealed. Great pleasure is found when a bad situation ends.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
 A dynamic person can't be moved to be with you. You're accused of not listening. Unwind with a companion and discuss your days of glory.


AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
 Your humour is admired by a romantic person. Say something about a dream. Concentrate on creating prosperity for all.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
 Encourage a buddy to start a fitness program. Flee from a captivating person. Inform others when a decision is made.

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